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REFER TO FILE: **PD-5**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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Dear Supervisors:

**PARATRANSIT SERVICES
PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN TRANSIT PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2007-08
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the disbursement of \$660,000 from the Fourth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-08 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget for the continuation of paratransit service for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County areas of the Fourth District for Fiscal Year 2007-08. The Fourth District's Paratransit Program includes the following five services: Carson/La Rambla, Marina del Rey, Rancho Los Amigos, Teen Mother, and Whittier/West Covina Islands. The enclosure lists these services with providers, terms, and the Fourth District's Fiscal Year 2007-08 contract amounts.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate the following four Agreements in the Fourth District with the costs and terms as indicated: The Carson/La Rambla and Marina del Rey Paratransit Services, provided through the City of Los Angeles, at a cost to the Fourth District of \$29,000 and \$16,000, respectively, for Fiscal Year 2007-08 (County cost for the one-year Agreement is \$261,000); the Rancho Los Amigos Paratransit Service provided by the Los Amigos Research and Education Institute, at a

cost to the Fourth District of \$207,000 for Fiscal Years 2007-08 (County cost for the two-year Agreement is \$608,000); and the Teen Mother Paratransit Service, provided through the Hacienda/La Puente Unified School District, at a cost to the Fourth District of \$6,000 for Fiscal Year 2007-08 (County cost for the five-year Agreement is \$75,000).

3. Instruct the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to sign the Agreements.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On January 4, 1983, your Board directed that funds for paratransit services should be provided from each Supervisorial District's allocation of the County's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program at the discretion of each Supervisor. In Fiscal Year 1983-84, and in subsequent fiscal years, your Board approved paratransit services providing transportation opportunities for eligible patrons of the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles.

The purpose of this action is to approve the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County areas of the Fourth District and to authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate and enter into Agreements for the provision of services in certain areas in the Fourth District. Paratransit services for the Palos Verdes Peninsula area will be submitted for your approval under a separate Board letter, which will include all modes of transportation within the service.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it provides services to the public in a responsive manner. These services improve the mobility of the transit dependent patrons.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This action authorizes the disbursement of \$660,000 for the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County areas of the Fourth District for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

Three existing Agreements to provide four of the services will expire on June 30, 2007. This action authorizes the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate and enter into Agreements to continue these services during Fiscal Year 2007-08.

The Agreements are with the following agencies: The Carson/La Rambla and Marina del Rey Paratransit Services, provided by the City of Los Angeles, at a Fourth District cost of \$29,000 and \$16,000, respectively, for Fiscal Year 2007-08; the Rancho Los Amigos Paratransit Service provided by the Los Amigos Research and Education Institute, at a Fourth District cost of \$207,000 for Fiscal Year 2007-08, and \$207,000 for Fiscal Year 2008-09; and the Teen Mother Paratransit Service provided through the Hacienda/La Puente Unified School District, at a Fourth District cost of \$6,000 per year for five years from Fiscal Years 2007-08 through 2011-12. This Paratransit Program contains Agreements with multiple-year terms; the costs for each Fiscal Year within the Agreement will be submitted for your approval as part of future Paratransit Programs. Each Agreement includes a 30-day no-fault clause for termination.

One paratransit service has an Agreement that was previously executed. The Whittier/West Covina Islands Paratransit Service is provided under an existing Agreement for a Fourth District Fiscal Year 2007-08 disbursement of \$402,000.

Therefore, the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Paratransit Program Budget for the Fourth District totals \$660,000, which includes, with your approval, services authorized by this Board action for \$258,000, and the previously executed service Agreement for \$402,000. The enclosure lists these services and their individual Fiscal Year 2007-08 amounts, providers, and terms.

The necessary funds are available in the Fourth District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-08 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget. There will be no impact on net County costs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Agreements will be in compliance with the mandatory jury service requirements as set forth in the Los Angeles County Code, Chapters 2.203.010 through 2.203.090, Jury Service Program. The Agreements will be signed after receiving the signed Jury Service Program Exception and Certification forms. Should we not receive the signed forms from a contractor for service, that service will be interrupted until we receive the forms and the Agreement is signed.

The Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to submittal to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, for signature.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On May 15, 2001, Synopsis 92, your Board found the County's Paratransit Program to consist of discretionary projects that are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the Public Resources Code 21080 Section (b) (10).

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County areas are provided primarily through participation in joint paratransit services with cities and other governmental agencies adjacent to the unincorporated County areas and less frequently through contracts the County enters into with private, for-profit or nonprofit, transportation service providers.

Through participation in joint paratransit services, the County benefits by a lower service cost due to economies of scale, better service to residents because of service coordination and, when available, subsidies provided through grants from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program. The Incentive Grant Program provides financial assistance to agencies that coordinate paratransit services across jurisdictional boundaries.

Most of the cities and other governmental agencies that allow the County to partner with them, contract with private transportation service providers through a competitive selection and procurement process. The County's share of the cost of the service is proportionately based on the number of unincorporated County residents that use the service. When the County contracts directly with a transportation service provider, a competitive procurement process is used.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

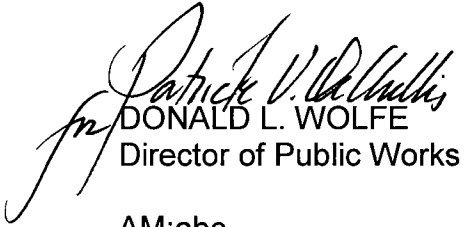
This action provides for the continuation of the current services. The approval of this action will not result in the displacement of any County employees, as these services are presently contracted with the private sector.

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CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return two adopted copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,


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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

ENCLOSURE
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4
PARATRANSIT SERVICES
FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

SERVICE AGREEMENTS (NEWLY NEGOTIATED)	PROVIDER	MULTIPLE YEAR TERMS	AGREEMENT EXPIRATION	2007-08 BUDGET AMOUNT
Carson/La Rambla (with SD 2)	City of Los Angeles' Cityride (1)		06/30/08	\$29,000
Marina del Rey	City of Los Angeles' Cityride (1)		06/30/08	\$16,000
Rancho Los Amigos (All Districts)	Los Amigos Research and Education Institute (1)	2-YEAR	06/30/09	\$207,000
Teen Mother (with SD 1 & SD 5)	Hacienda La Puente Unified School District (1)	5-YEAR	06/30/12	\$6,000
SUBTOTAL				\$258,000

PREVIOUSLY EXECUTED AGREEMENTS (2)

Whittier/WestCovina Islands (with SD 1 & SD 5)	Southland Transit Inc. (3)	4.5-YEAR	06/30/08	\$402,000
SUBTOTAL				\$402,000

GRAND TOTAL				\$660,000
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NOTE:

- (1) City, Joint Powers Authority, or Governmental Agency
- (2) Agreements were executed in prior years. This action
approves the FY 2007-08 contract amount.
- (3) Private Transit Service Provider